

South Dakota LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

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PORK PRODUCTION DOWN FROM LAST YEAR

SIOUX FALLS, December 23, 1999 -- Commercial red meat production for South Dakota totaled 84.8 million pounds during November. This was down 1 percent from last month and down 7 percent from one year ago, according to USDA's South Dakota Ag Statistics Service. For November, beef, and sheep and lamb production were up from a year ago, while pork production was down.

Commercial hog slaughter for South Dakota totaled 342,500 head during November compared to 400,900 head last year. Average live weight was 267 pounds, which was up 3 pounds from 1998. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 340,400 head, which was comprised of 39,000 sows, and 301,400 barrows and gilts.

Commercial cattle slaughter for South Dakota totaled 25,100 head during November compared to 21,800 head last year. Average live weight was 1,371 pounds, which was up 77 pounds from 1998. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 22,500 head, which was comprised of 1,600 steers, 1,600 heifers, 16,100 cows, and 3,100 bulls.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter for South Dakota totaled 1,400 head during November compared to 200 head last year. Average live weight was 107 pounds, which was down 20 pounds from last year. Federally inspected slaughter totaled 1,200 head of lambs and yearlings.

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